

Mr. Hodges lives in Asheville and has served in the State Senate, been a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and on the Advisory Budget Commission, in addition to serving in several local elective and appointive offices and on state boards and commissions. Mr. Harden was a North Carolina newspaperman for years, served as secretary to Governor R. Gregg Cherry, was assistant manager of Governor Umstead's campaign when he ran for the United States Senate, and also has served on several state commissions and boards.

Mr. Hodges resigned as Treasurer sometime ago to join Champion Paper and Fibre Company. Mr. Harden has been a Vice-President of Burlington Mills for five years. Mr. Hodges will primarily handle organizational work in the bond campaign and Mr. Harden will handle the press and promotional work. Both men have been made available for this assignment by their respective companies.

Governor Umstead today paid tribute to Reuben B. Robertson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Champion Paper and Fibre Company, and to J. Spencer Love, Chairman of the Board of Burlington, for their "patriotic interest in North Carolina and their co-operation in making available for this important assignment the services of Mr. Hodges and Mr. Harden."

"North Carolina's future, in the realm of public education and care of our mentally ill is at stake," Governor Umstead said, and "We are fortunate at this crossroads point to have two men who will contribute their time and their talents to this important task, and to have two progressive North Carolina companies that take this degree of interest in helping to shape the sort of North Carolina we will have tomorrow and the sort of job we will do with our young people and our unfortunates."

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¹This statement was addressed to the high school principals and teachers of North Carolina in order to inform them of his support for this program among high school students of the State.